IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
	: Examiner: James A. Thompson
Yukitoshi TAKEUCHI, et al.)
	: Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/899,022)
	: Confirmation No: 3535
Filed: July 6, 2001)
	: December 4, 2006
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY, $\underline{ \text{AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME} }$

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Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2006, for one month, from November 4, 2006 to December 4, 2006. Please charge the \$120.00 petition fee, any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Preliminary Amendment

Prior to further examination on the merits, and in further response to the August 4, 2006 Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.